

# St Francis' Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parent/Carer

The positive impact of music making on young people's wellbeing, the transferable skills to other subject areas and general intellectual development it enhances are greatly beneficial to children. We are aiming that young musicians in September can begin or continue with instrumental lesson.

Enabling these lessons to happen, however, is a challenge. As a school we have to risk assess face to face delivery of music lessons and decide whether by maintaining social distance rules in adequate teaching spaces lessons can be delivered safely.

If the government decides children will attend on a rota basis in Term 1, or schools do not fully re-open, then so long as families agree to the Music Service's Terms and Conditions for online lessons, they can be taught in their own homes during the normal school day. We believe that whichever scenario unfolds in September our young musicians should be able to receive lessons in one form or another and so encourage you to book.

If your child would like to continue or start music lessons, please can you read this information carefully and respond by email or reply slip by Thursday 02 July.

It is possible for children to have 1 to 1 lessons at a safe distance on flute/clarinet, drums, and guitar as has previously been offered. For children who have previously had paired lessons, these should still be possible providing the pairing involves children from the same 'bubble'. If this is not possible, shorter individual lessons can be booked in order to keep costs down if meeting the cost of a full length individual lesson would be a problem. If children are still not in school full time in September due to limited class sizes, the number of lessons delivered over the term may be reduced to take this into account.

Children would be required to bring their own instruments (drummers would need to bring their own sticks) and music into school for each lesson. Teachers would not be able to supply spares if these are forgotten. Children would also be responsible for arriving at lessons on time without needing to be collected. Teachers would remain distanced and wear gloves to assist children with tuning instruments and may make use of masks or a pop-up perspex screen between themselves and the pupils to reduce risk. Drum kit and stools would be sprayed/wiped down between pupils.

The instruments currently being taught by North Somerset Music Service (NSMS) are as follows:

Flute/Clarinet - Mrs Page  
Guitar – Mr Furlong  
Drums- Mr Furlong

If your child is currently in Year 2 or above and would be interested in continuing with or beginning tuition, please email details into the school office. Please include the child's name and choice(s) of instruments requested.

Best wishes,

Catherine Hunt  
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